

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Southern District of Texas

DEC 24 2019

United States of America )

V. )

Jose Miguel Chiquita-Orduna )*Defendant(s)* )

Case No.

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

B-19-1316-MJ

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
On or about the date(s) of December 24, 2019 in the county of Cameron in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section*

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2237

*Offense Description*

It is unlawful for the master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. to knowingly fail to obey an order by an authorized Federal law enforcement officer to heave to that vessel. It is unlawful to forcibly resist, oppose, prevent, impede, intimidate or interfere with a boarding or other law enforcement action.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

On December 24, 2019 at approximately 1:22 am, a USCG aircraft observed 3 fishing boats (lanchas) illegally fishing within the US Exclusive Economic Zone approximately 32 nm north of the of the US/Mexico International Maritime Boundary. The USCG aircraft vectored a boat from USCG Station South Padre Island to the closest lancha. The USCG small boat approached the lancha and initiated an attempt to hail and board the lancha. The USCG small boat energized its blue lights and siren in an attempt to stop the lancha. The Captain refused to comply and fled from the USCG small boat, taking evasive maneuvers, including corkscrew pattern navigation to evade the USCG small boat. The crew of the lancha was observed throwing equipment overboard. The Captain stopped the lancha after an approximate 8-minute pursuit. The USCG boarding team was able to board the lancha and take custody of the crew as well as Captain Jose Chiquita-Orduna. The Captain was arrested for violation of 18 USC 2237.

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Submitted by reliable electronic means, sworn to and signature attested  
as per Fed. Rules Cr. Proc. 4.1

December 24, 2019*Date*Brownsville, Texas*City and State*

Complainant's Signature

Alejandro Ramirez Special Agent*Print name and title*

Judge's signature

Ignacio Tortosa III U.S. Magistrate Judge*Printed name and title*